

To Mr. May, Jr.

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Dear Mr May,

I am much obliged by your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> which I received last evening, & inclosed for several notes which you have have the kindness to write me & which I have not yet acknowledged.

I sent Thompkins Express this morning for the Chests &c, & they will doubtless arrive to night. I will attend to the Flag.

We were delighted at the success of the Worcester Fair. It was very good indeed. The advantage of holding it latter Show week is very apparent. We were entirely satisfied with the result of matters at N. Bedford. The receipts were \$150, the expenses about \$20. We shall devote \$100 to the Bell & send the rest to France to buy articles for the Bazaar.

A good deal more could undoubtedly  
have been obtained at N. B. had  
we braved ourselves out for it, but we  
were very desirous to do nothing that should  
interfere with the Worcester sale, & also I  
did not care to absorb all the N. B. money  
into the Fair, because I am going to  
have some of it for the Thompson mission.  
So I communicated the plan to some of  
the prominent friends there before the sale  
was held that they might not exhaust  
themselves on what was only a little in-  
cidental movement & not a great  
measure. Deborah did not make much  
allusion to the sale in her letter to you  
as she thought you might wish to  
communicate its purport to the Worcester  
Ladies, & as she was very desirous not  
to interfere with the Worcester Fair, she  
wished no idea conveyed to them to enter  
their minds, as if one sale might be  
prejudicial to the other & so thought the  
least said, the better.



We shall have no Liberty Bell this year,  
but I have written to several of our com-  
mittee as have been in the habit of  
contributing to the Bell & have asked  
for money to add to this obtained at  
N. B. for this. Mrs Chapman will give &  
get all in <sup>her</sup> power, yet considering  
the extra expenses at N. York, the more  
foreign elegancies we can shew off the  
better, & I thought it a pity that the  
money Mrs Russell, Mr Loring &  
others designed probably to give, should  
be lost.

I have proceeded very well thus  
far in my application for funds for  
the Thompson mission. Mr Hall promises  
\$500 from N. Y. I will shew you all the  
correspondence I have had when I see  
you. I am anxious that the business  
be settled before Mr Garrison goes  
west, & have written to him to say so.  
I hope he may come out to New month  
before he goes as I want to see him.

I should have gone in town, but have been ill & am not quite recovered yet. I feared R. D. Webb's message very badly, for a very long letter from me to him was on its way. I do trust he is better & dear Mr Estlin too. I thank you the latter with unwavering sympathy. I have heard nothing from Mary but by the direction of the Advocate.

We were all deeply pained by the sad event that has occurred in your family. The shock must have been very great to you all & through your sympathy with Frederick (if from no other cause) you must have suffered exceedingly.

You can give us the keys any time. It is still uncertain when the Weymouth Fair will be, rather later than usual, I imagine.

With love to Mr May

very truly your friend

A. W. Weston